

Nether Lochaber Community Association Meeting
Thursday 19 May 2022 at 7.30pm by Zoom

Attendees	C. Barnett, R. Barnett, L. Glaze (Chair), I. Jenner, G. Macintyre, G. Milne, S. Pearson
Apologies	B. Pearson

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Brian Pearson.

2. Minutes of last NLCA meeting Proposed and seconded

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Treasurer's statement

The plants for Creag Mor are still to be deducted. Still to spend money on gardening equipment. Need to re-estimate costs.

4. Inchree Project

Philip Coghill (HIE) had made suggestions for the Stage 1 application form for the Scottish Land Fund. The suggestions were incorporated and the form is now ready to submit. If no further comments are received tonight then the application will be sent. The email has been prepared with all the attachments and is ready to send.

5. Village Hall

The sewing group reported that there had been a flood in the kitchen. Iain Jenner checked the kitchen today but could not see any evidence of flooding. Perhaps this has since had a chance to dry out. The drain at the back of the kitchen was perhaps blocked. Iain will be able to have a better look tomorrow.

6. Tubs, garden areas

All the bedding plants were received today and will be going out to the tubs soon! The tub at the Bunree turning has an apple tree in it and sits under a willow. We will not be able to cut it back enough. Could it be moved across the road? Iain will ask Roger who lives there.

7. Creag Mhor

The unveiling took place and everyone is pleased to finally see the mosaic. The wall is still to be fixed.

8. Picnic site

It seems that the bin is only being emptied once a week instead of two. This is not adequate as it gets full very quickly. Gordon Milne will check tomorrow to see if the Thursday collection for commercial bins has been done.

9. Activity day

Creag Mhor – Nearly finished foundation stones.

There will be an interment in June. Gordon will try to cut the grass before this.

Beginning of June – should we dig out the drain at hall? The shrubs need cutting back at the hall car park, too. The group agreed that people should meet at the hall. This will take place on the first Sunday in June – 5th June 2022. Elaine will do posters.

10. 500 club draw

Gordon Macintyre has not had a chance to do the draw yet but will do so before end of the month. Will do a post for Facebook on joining the 500 club. Gordon Macintyre's phone number is to be used on the post. All agreed we should work towards getting a NLCA email address.

11. Correspondence

No update.

12. AOB

GMCI said that we should have a social function so that people are aware of us. Need to recruit an events organizer. Lisa will make a poster to recruit an events organizer.

The decision was to host a BBQ. At North Ballachulish beach. We will need to ask Stuffy and Jennifer if can use their access to the beach. The BBQ should be informal. People can bring their own food, but we should have something in reserve. This will take place on Saturday 25th June, from 5pm onwards. Gordon Milne will get a bag of charcoal.

Andy Martin – MOWI – Salmon wagon is up and running. You have to apply for the salmon wagon to visit your area. It only visits ten areas a year. We would have to wait until next summer. Applications go in in November. Will need to do it this year for next year, but it is too late for this year's BBQ. The group discussed asking Alison Grieve – who offered to support a winter ceilidh, to contribute some food to the BBQ. We can also put in an order through Lochaber Larder.

Land for sale

Donald Stewart is looking for somewhere to keep the community bus. There is a piece of land at Loch Leven for sale. Gordon Macintyre asked if we would be interested in buying it. He was not sure of cost, as we would need to put in an expression of interest. It was suggested that it might be worth approaching HIE to see if they can give a bit of space to park minibus. But what community benefit would there be? Limited value to us.

The SCIO name cannot be used to house a bus which is privately owned. Donald would need to do the legwork on this as there is no capacity within the CA. We are not in need of extra premises. It would be complicated and would involve legal costs. It was suggested that Donald Stewart should ask HIE if they would provide him with somewhere to park the bus.

Green Health Week

We are on the page for Lochaber! We have all the bedding plants and will be going out so we are on the case.

Constitution and Trustee register

Sharon Pearson is to follow up on items still to be reported to OSCR. Iain Jenner will send the latest version of the trustee list from the AGM to Sharon.

13. Date of next meeting

Thursday 16th June, which will be enough time to prepare for the BBQ.

The group asked if the minibus be ready to bring people? Gordon Macintyre said that they are waiting on someone checking the wheelchair lift.